

—There seems to have been a general rash for the matrimonial halter as the old year drew to a close.

—Col. John C. Dent, oldest brother of Mrs. U. S. Grant, died at his home, Carthage, Mo., Tuesday.

—The Agricultural College at Columbia will probably be abolished. During the past two years, at a cost of \$43,000, thirteen boys have been studying the mysteries of farming, and but two have graduated.

—Mr. Hatch voted against the direct tax bill. He probably did this because Missouri would be greatly benefited by its passage. Had it been a "cogus butter" bill in the interest of the Jersey breeders of the East, Mr. Hatch would have supported it.

—Minnesota, with her high license law is completely demolishing the saloon business. During the past year they have been reduced from 2,806 to 1,597, nearly one half. And more than this it is claimed that that state does not consume one half as much liquor now as it did two years ago.

—Missouri is now to have a man for governor who is "a professional farmer." He has his eye on Mr. Cockrell's place in the Senate, two years hence, and evidently considers himself far more competent to make a satisfactory distribution of garden seeds, than the handsome senator who now enjoys that satisfaction and distinction.

—With the exception of cotton and tobacco, over ninety-two per cent of the products of the soil find their market at home. In ten years nearly \$500,000,000 worth of cotton, taken at farm values, have been manufactured in the United States, giving profitable work to hundreds of thousands and enabling them to purchase at good prices the products of the farm, dairy and mills, which gave employment to other thousands.

—Nothing has been left undone to help Gen. Harrison to the publication of his cabinet meditations. A little girl went in an artless way the other day, to get him to assist her to win a prize offered by an enterprising editor for the best guess at the composition of the next cabinet. The president-elect was kind but firm, and exhorted the smart miss to apply to the newspaper men who seemed to know what he was going to do much better than he did.

—It is reported that two members of the committee appointed to inspect the Eleemosynary institutions will present a report that Dr. S. S. Laws, of the State University should be removed. This is something devoutly to be wished. His days of usefulness have long since passed, if, indeed, they ever existed, and to longer continue him in the position he occupies would be more disgraceful than creditable to the state. Such old fossils should be relegated to innocuous desuetude.

—The Scientific American published by Munn & Co., New York, during more than forty years, is beyond all question, the leading paper relating to science, mechanics, and inventions, published on this continent. Each weekly issue presents the latest scientific topics in an interesting and reliable manner, accompanied with engravings prepared expressly to demonstrate the subjects. The Scientific American is invaluable to every person desiring to keep pace with the inventions and discoveries of the day.

—The examination of the official records of Sullivan county has been talked of for nearly two years, but as yet nothing has been done. It seems that there has been a disagreement as to who shall conduct the examination. Why not follow the example of Adair county in this matter? In Adair county the County Court ordered the Prosecuting Attorney to make the investigation; and, while the result of the investigation was startling, with a few days work and without one cent of extra cost to the county, enough was saved to the tax payers to pay the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney for many years to come.

—The year 1888 solved the problem of street lighting in Kirksville. Now let other great improvements follow.

—The legislature has assembled, and will soon be ready to begin grinding out legislation for the benefit of the Commonwealth. A very small grist would be considered a blessing by the people.

TERRITORIAL APPOINTMENTS.

It may be surprising but it is nevertheless true that there are twelve applications in the First Congressional district for Supreme Judgeships in the territories. It is also understood that there are several others, who would not refuse to be appointed as governors.

From the number of applicants for these offices one would suppose that there was little executive or judicial ability to be found in the far western country.

But without stopping to discuss the probable amount of intelligence possessed by the pioneers, who have developed this rich section of our country, or their ability to take care of themselves, we might ask what utility there can be in having a national platform. It has always been the custom for political parties to have platforms; and these platforms are supposed to reflect the wishes of the people, and the party in power should be, as nearly as possible, governed by the declarations set forth in them.

By referring to the Republican platform of 1888, it will be seen that one of the planks in that platform, unmistakably declares that territorial appointments should be made within the territory. And it should be taken at once as an evidence of bad faith, and an insult to the chief executive of the nation, who is expected to make the platform on which he was elected a living truth instead of a glaring falsehood, for an application to be made for any territorial office, by any one except a bonafide resident.

A number of the territories will become states before another Presidential contest, and to suffer carpet baggers from the states to occupy the executive and judicial chairs in these territories, when the platform openly declares against such proceedings, would be to give these states over to the Democratic party.

Applications for these offices, except they be from bonafide residents should be, and undoubtedly will be, entirely ignored by President Harrison.

Millard Items.

The festivities of the holidays have once more dawned upon us and like the snow-flakes have partially faded away.

On Christmas Eve the inclemency of the weather interfered to some extent with the arrangement of the Christmas tree. However a large crowd was in attendance at the church where a beautifully decorated tree was loaded with treasures for both young and old. Among the valuable presents received was an elegant gold pen and holder presented by the citizens and Sunday school to Eddie Morris, for services rendered as church organist.

Information has just reached us that the Coal Company and Mining Club are now ready to begin business, waiting only for a lease of protection from the real estate owners of the vicinity. This company consists of a class of men, who have "pluck and energy," and the organization will prove a valuable one to the county.

Mr. Jas. Wheeler, returned Saturday from a visit of several days with friends and relatives in Mac county.

Jas. Dunn, our live stock and hay dealer returned from St. Louis Saturday morning and reports the market a "little off."

C. N. Cook, who has been traveling in the west is spending the holidays with his father.

Miss Allie Beecher who is teaching at Rural Dell spent a few days at home last week.

Miss Viola Wilcox returned Thursday to take charge of her school at Hurdland, where she has been teaching since the fall term opened.

J. F. Snyder, our physician, reports considerable sickness in the neighborhood.

One of the social events at Millard last week was the marriage of Mr. W. S. Stuckey and Miss Stella Grant. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Grant, Rev. Capp officiating.

Mr. W. F. Englehart spent the holidays with his parents near Prairie Bird.

THE DEAD YEAR.

BY JUANITA LEA.

The year is dead! Toll out, ye bells,
A requiem sad and slow;
For time has, with relentless hand,
Laid the old year low.
The year is dead! The sweet, sweet year
Part of the faded past—
What joys thro' memory's glass appear!
Joy's far too bright to last.

The year is dead! How many hopes
Have blossomed but to fade!
How many loving forms within
The churchyard have been laid!
The year is dead! The sweet, sad year—
Thou' said, yet sacred still;
For every smile changed to a tear,
Was but our Father's will.

The year is dead! How hard to feel
That all the tender light
That made us happy for a while,
Fades evermore to-night.
The year is dead! The blessed year
That crowned our life with flowers—
That caused a rainbow to shine
Thro' all the weary hours.

The year is dead! What memories
Cluster around it now!
Memories rich with sweetest joys,
Or clouded o'er with woe.
The year is dead! The noble year—
The year we loved so well;
What recollections, fond and dear,
Within our hearts dwell.

The year is dead! And every hope
And joy that made it blest,
We leave like withered flowers
Upon the old year's breast.
The year is dead! O'er his form
A monument we raise,
Built of memories, pure and warm,
Of vanished golden days.

"The year is dead! Ring out, ye bells,
A low and mournful strain;
For the old year has changed and gray,
Will never smile again.

The year is dead! And wild winds wail
Their pinions far and near—
White snows melt above the grave
Of the old, dead, saintly year.

Written for the Graphic, Dec. 21, 1888.

A COLORADO LYCHING.

A Former Missourian Strung Up at Greeley, Colorado.

GREELEY, COLO., December 29.—A sensational lynching occurred here about four o'clock this morning. The victim was W. D. French, a well known cattle man in this vicinity, and a man of some wealth. Two weeks ago French shot and killed Harry Woodbury in an atrocious manner. French has been in jail since. An attempt to lynch him the night following the murder failed for the reason that the people were not convinced of his full guilt. French's preliminary examination has been in progress three days, and at the time of the lynching was not yet completed. French was an extensive cattle owner, and employed a large number of cowboys. Naturally, also, he had an extensive backing from cattle men. At the examination, one witness after another testified in French's behalf, and it became evident to the murdered man's friends that French would not get his just punishment at the hands of the law.

Accordingly, a mob was organized last night to take the law into its own hands. The descent was not made on the jail until just before daylight this morning. The attack was a complete surprise to the Sheriff, who was soon overpowered, and the murderer's cell was invaded by means of a battering ram. French was dragged out with a rope around his neck and taken to a tree in the jail-yard and hanged.

French's crime was a most brutal murder, and the feeling in the community is that the summary punishment was well merited. Woodbury, the murdered man, was a tenant on one of French's ranches, and was in some respects partner. The two men had a dispute over the possession of 500 pounds of flour, and the case was taken into court for settlement. Woodbury won the case. That night French, his 12-year-old son and four or five cowboys employed by French whose names are unknown, called at Woodbury's house and demanded admittance. Woodbury, his wife and two children had gone to bed, and Woodbury refused his enemies admittance, suspecting that all was not right. French then burst in the front door, entered and met Woodbury with pistol in hand. Both men commenced shooting, and Woodbury was killed in the presence of his wife and children, French firing two bullets into the body of his prostrate enemy.

THE NEWS AT LANCASTER.

LANCASTER, Mo., December 29.—A telegram was received here today from Sheriff Welaver, of Greeley, Colo., that Wilbur D. French was taken from the county jail at that place last night and hanged on a tree for the murder of Harry Woodbury on December 14. Wilbur French was raised in this county, and was the second son of Edwin French, one of the pioneers of the county, and for many years a leading merchant and now a wealthy and respected citizen of this city. Wilbur was for several years Deputy Circuit Clerk here, and went to Colorado about fifteen years ago and amassed a fortune in live stock. The news of his lynching creates a sensation here, as his immediate relatives are prominent in our social and business circles.

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Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28th.

Senator Allison has been at the capital every day this week, except Christmas day, engaged in perfecting the amendments which the committee on finance has decided to add to the Senate tariff bill before its final passage, Jan. 21st.

Senator Stanford spent his Christmas in New York, but before leaving Washington he made the pages of the Senate happy by presenting each of them a five-dollar bill. This has been a regular Christmas custom of Mr. Stanford since he became a senator.

Chairman A. T. Britton, of the Inaugural Committee, has, by request of Gen. Harrison, engaged a suite of rooms at one of our most prominent hotels for the accommodation of the Presidential party, which is expected to consist of Gen. Harrison and wife; Russell Harrison and wife; J. R. McKee, wife and children; ex-Senator Saunders and wife; E. W. Halford wife and daughter. The date of their arrival here has not yet been definitely determined, but they are expected about a week before Inauguration day. It is expected that Mr. Cleveland, in accordance with the precedent established by Andrew Jackson, and faithfully observed by all of his predecessors except two, will call at Gen. Harrison's hotel for the purpose of escorting him to the Capitol to be sworn in.

The talk for and against Mr. Blaine as the next Secretary of State is rapidly assuming a vicious tone that does not promise well for harmony in the republican party for the next four years. The sooner Gen. Harrison puts a stop to the whole business by announcing the Cabinet, the better it will be. This state of affairs is deeply regretted by conservative republicans, who are neither for nor against Mr. Blaine. I had a long and interesting conversation with a prominent republican senator on this subject last night. After exacting a promise that I would not use his name, this gentleman said: "The Blaine and anti-Blaine talk that many republicans are now indulging in is bound to be injurious to the republican party, and for that reason alone I am extremely sorry to see it. You know that I have never been what is known as a Blaine man, that is, I have never been one of those who refused to see any faults in the statesman from Maine. But at the same time I have recognized Mr. Blaine's great ability, as well as his eminent services to the republican party. Personally, I should prefer to see Senator Sherman Secretary of State, but looking at the matter strictly from a party standpoint, I think Gen. Harrison will make a great mistake if he does not invite Mr. Blaine to accept the position. My reason for this opinion is, first, Mr. Blaine's high qualifications for the position, second, and principally, Mr. Blaine's large personal following in the party. No other man in this country has so large or so influential a following as Mr. Blaine has in the republican party, and to refuse recognition to such a great number of influential republicans would, in my opinion, be very injudicious to say the least of it, and I cannot believe that a man of Gen. Harrison's experience and knowledge of politics will make such a mistake. Mr. Cleveland furnishes a warning in that respect. He attempted, and in fact did make up his cabinet without consulting the wishes of his party, and the result was that when he needed the help of his party many of them deserted him and he was defeated. Other precedents might be mentioned showing the disaster which always overtakes the President who attempts to go against the wishes of a majority of his party, but I cannot think that they are needed. I know Gen. Harrison well, and know him to be a close student of political history, and not likely to make any glaring mistakes in selecting his cabinet. My only reason for not wishing my name used in connection with these views is that I have fully made up my mind not to intrude my opinion upon Gen. Harrison while he is engaged in making up his cabinet, unless he shall himself ask for it.

The congressional recess and Christmas have not stopped the active canvass for the speakership of the next House. On the contrary it seems to grow warmer and warmer every day. Until this week the East has had only one candidate—Mr. Reed, of Maine—but lately it is announced in a quiet way that Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, of Mass., is a candidate. Mr. Reed's friends say that this is a movement intended by the Western candidates to weaken Mr. Reed with Eastern members, by whom he has been up to the present time solidly supported. A little flurry has been created among the various candidates by the rumor that Mr. McKinley of Ohio, was to be made secretary of the treasury. Mr. McKinley's friends say that he does not propose to be shelved in any such way, and if he cannot be elected speaker he will retain his seat in the House in preference to any other position.

St. Nicholas For January.

The January St. Nicholas, 1889. In the January St. Nicholas is published the first of a series of illustrated ballads announced in the Prospectus. "The Pygmy Fleet" is an amusing fanciful story in verse, excellently told by Mr. Tudor Jenks. It is charmingly and lavishly illustrated, or rather interpreted into pictures, by R. B. Birch. There are more than twenty pages of these beautiful drawings besides the frontispiece.

The serial, "The Bel's of Ste Anne," by Mrs. Catherwood, grows rapidly in interest; and Mrs. Barnett finishes "Little Saint Elizabeth." The paper on "The Routine of the Republic," by Mr. Alton, discusses the office of President and the relations between the Executive and Congress. A continued story for little folks on a novel plan is called "The Bunny Stories," and is written by Mr. John H. Jewett, and excellently illustrated by Culmer Barnes.

Mrs. Lucy G. Paine tells how the daughter of a fisherman of Scheveningen won a "Golden Casque" from the King of Holland by beating him in a race—a delightful story.

"The Distance in Space," by D. C. Robertson, in a bright way conveys to young readers some conception of a few of the stupendous distances dealt with by astronomers.

Blanche Willis Howard contributes a breezy and invigorating song called "The Popular Poplar Tree," which is illustrated by Katharine Pyle. James Whitcomb Riley sends a stanza about "Naughty Claude"; Emma A. Oppen complains in verse of the painful veracity of "My Uncle Peter"; Endora S. Bumstead writes a Christmas-tree Prologue in rhyme, for which there are several pictures by A. B. Davies; Harriet Lewis Bradley describes a visit to "The Town of the Pied Piper," and there are "Aztec Fragments" by Francis, a "Menne" by Margaret Johnson, "Shinney on the Ice" a picture by Luugren, another Housekeeping Song, and departments, including a Prize Shakespearean Puzzle in the Middle-box.

Altogether, it is a number which will certainly stand well with its many beautiful predecessors. That man, who the ladies declare is the handsomest man in Washington, used to be an invalid, but he took to hard drinking, not of whiskey, but of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and now he walks right over the very slenderest dudes, and dont care at all.

I have been much annoyed by neuralgic and headache and finally determined to try Salvation Oil. I am glad to recommend it as it made a perfect cure in my case. MARKS NEW, 62 Aisquith St Baltimore, Md.

President Elect and Mrs. Harrison.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of Mary H. Clark deceased. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary H. Clark, deceased, that I, James J. Clark, executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of February 1889. JAMES J. CLARK, Executor.

Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of Charles R. Watson deceased. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Charles R. Watson, deceased, that I, John L. Watson, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of February 1889. JOHN L. WATSON, Adm'r.

Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of Edwin Darrow deceased. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Edwin Darrow, deceased, that I, Orlin E. Darrow, executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of February 1889. ORLIN E. DARROW, Executor.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of Margaret E. Collett deceased, late of Adair county, Mo., have been granted to the undersigned James Dunn, by the Probate Court of the county of Adair, hearing date the 10th day of December, 1888. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of publication of this notice they will be forever barred. JAMES DUNN, Adm'r.

Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of George Sola deceased, that I, W. N. Sola, executor of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of February 1889. W. N. SOLA, Executor.

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Petition in Partition.
A. J. Randolph, W. H. Randolph, J. H. Randolph, Matilda Hukill and Charles B. Hukill her husband plaintiffs
AGAINST
Randall B. Randolph, Francis W. Randolph, Joseph M. Canary, Ella Canary his wife, Tazwell Merrill, Susan Merrill his wife, William Heckman, Mary Heckman his wife, Thomas Albou, George N. Dangler, Joseph R. Copenberger, William Copenberger, Robert Barnett, Matilda C. Barnett, his wife, Ulysses G. Burton, John Eminger, and Vina Eminger his wife, Levi T. Regan, William W. Regan, Milton R. Regan, Daniel Hunter, and Lena Hunter his wife, John Howard and Martha Howard his wife, Nathan Foreman and Louisa A. Foreman his wife, defendants.
Whereas the October term 1888, of the circuit court of Adair county, Missouri, an order of record was made in the above entitled cause, ordering the sheriff of Adair county to sell at public sale the following described real estate situated in Adair county, Missouri, to-wit:
Northwest 1-4 of the south west 1-4 of section twenty three, 25, township sixty three, 62, range sixteen, also the northeast 1-4 of the south west 1-4 of section twenty three, 25, township sixty three, 62, range sixteen, 16 containing 90 acres.
Terms of Sale—One half cash and one half payable in one year with 6 per cent interest per annum. Deed to be made upon final payment of purchase money.
Now therefore, I, William Wednesday the 9th day of January 1889, before the court house door in the town of Kirksville, in Adair county, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m., and 5 o'clock, p. m., of that day, while the circuit court for said county is in session, expose said property to public sale, to the highest and best bidder, in compliance with the requirements of said order of sale.
Witness my hand this 11th day of December 1888.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS,
Sheriff Adair county, Mo.

Notice of Final Settlement.
STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of Andrew Stinson deceased. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Andrew Stinson, deceased, that I, Melburn Stinson, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of February 1889. MELBURN STINSON, Adm'r.

Notice of Final Settlement.
STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF ADAIR,
Final settlement of the estate of Doretha Eckert deceased. Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Doretha Eckert, deceased, that I, Charles W. Billeiter, administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate court of Adair county, to be held at Kirksville, on the 11th day of Feb. 1889. CHARLES W. BILLEITER, Administrator.

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